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- LDHH is conducting assessments of drinking water systems. Within the declared parishes there are 59 drinking water systems under boil water notices.
- LDEQ is conducting facility assessments which includes WWTP. EPA is tracking progress of assessments through Response Manager.
- EPA is working with LDEQ to ensure that adequate steps are taken to address pollutions reports made to the National Response Center in the impacted area.
- EPA responded to an oil spill from an oil distribution facility located in Denham Springs that has reportedly impacted nearby residents. EPA's initial assessment included meeting with residents and the Responsible Party (Lard Oil). Currently, it appears to be a localized incident. Additional EPA contractors will be on scene to assist EPA today. The oversight of this oil spill response will be funded by the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund (OSLTF).
- LDEQ is working with Parishes and GOSEP to determine if EPA assistance is necessary. Possible assistance that may be requested are with white goods, HHW, orphan containers and E goods.
- EPA is providing Response Manager assistance to the State (Louisiana Department of Health and LDEQ). Response Manager provides a mechanism for the State to track the status of affected facilities.
- EPA has 2 OSCs on scene assisting LDEQ and augmenting the State's response capability in responding to hazmat incidents caused by the flooding.
- EPA has 2 OSCs working with FEMA to advise on hazmat related incidents and to develop plans for the segregation/recycling/or disposal of HHW, white goods and E-goods consistent with previously successful incidents. OSCs are deployed to FEMA offices (RRCC, Denton, TX and JFO, Baton Rouge).
- The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has contacted all pesticide producers and dealers in the area. They report that establishments made preparations prior to the flooding and they are secure.